

**REMARKS**

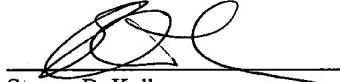
Applicants have amended Claims 5-12 to put them in independent format, in light of the indication in the outstanding Office Action that these claims are directed to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claims 1-4 have been canceled.

Additionally, dependent Claims 13-28 have been added, reciting the elements of original Claims 2 and 3, in dependent format.

As all claims pending have been indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter, and have been converted to independent allowable claims, with proper claims depending directly therefrom, entry of the amendment, and allowance of the above-captioned application, is accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

PIPER RUDNICK LLP



\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven B. Kelber  
Registration No. 30,073  
Attorney of Record

1200 Nineteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036-2412  
Telephone No. (202) 861-3900  
Facsimile No. (202) 223-2085